

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 11 are amended and additional Claim 25 is presented. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The present invention, as claimed, is directed to a tool for making cuts in workpieces, in combination with an apparatus having a power driven output shaft arranged to oscillate about a predetermined axis. The tool includes an elongated member having a rearward first section mounted on the output shaft so that the member extends in a direction at least substantially normal to the predetermined axis, and a forward second section, remote from the first section, and including at least one at least substantially straight elongated cutting edge at least substantially normal to the direction. All claims have previously been amended to further require that the rearward first section include a hole extending therethrough and having a closed rear wall formed by material from which the first section is made, the hole being configured to be mounted on the output shaft. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior art discloses, teaches or suggests these limitations, either alone or when properly combined.

By the above Amendments, Claim 1 is also amended to require that the elongated member includes a step of finite length intermediate the first and second sections thereof. Newly added Claim 25 includes the same limitation. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited prior art documents discloses, teaches or suggests an elongated, oscillating cutting tool having a rearward first section and a forward second section remote from the first section and including at least one at least substantially straight elongated cutting edge, with such a step between the first and second sections.

Moreover, the step is very advantageous since it allows to work along flat planes, such as walls, for cutting directly at the front face of the tool without any obstacle from a fastener by which the tool is attached to the output shaft of the oscillatory tool. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to page 15, lines 3-5, Figure 4, and Claim 11 of the application as originally filed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-25, are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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